

## MINUTES

### UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 18, 2001  
State Office Building, Room 4112

**Present:** Camille Anthony, Dick Melton proxy for Rod Betit, Louis Callister, Mike Findeis proxy for Mike Chabries, Pat Fleming, Steve Laing, Verne Larsen, Harold Morrill, Leon PoVey, Scott Reed, Karen and Sherm Watkins

**Excused:** Bill Afeaki, Dan Becker, Rod Betit, Camille Cain, Merrill Carter, Mike Chabries, Blake Chard, Bob Flowers, Ty McCartney, Randall Bachman, Mary Phillips, JoAnn Seghini, Mark Shurtleff and Diane Stuart

**Visitors:** Mary Lou Emerson and Dan Maldonado

**Staff:** Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuva

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#### **Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Leon PoVey welcomed all present. Christine Watters, Chair of the Utah Domestic Advisory Council, was introduced as the newest member of the Council. *A motion was made by Dick Melton to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2001 meeting. The motion was seconded by Lou Callister and approved unanimously.*

#### **Agenda Item: Recognition of Past Member**

An award was presented to Reed Richards, past chair of the Justice Committee and member of the USAAV Council. He played an important role in the development of the Council over the years and greatly contributed to its success. Reed expressed his appreciation and gratitude for being a part of the USAAV Council and its accomplishments.

#### **Agenda Item: Department of Corrections - Early Release Policy and Procedures**

Mike Findeis, Director of Substance Abuse Services with the Utah Department of Corrections, addressed the Council regarding inmate early release issues. He noted that 900 non-violent offenders that already had a parole date between July 1<sup>st</sup> and February, 2000 were screened for early release; of those, 239 inmates were actually paroled early. Currently, 80% of the current prison population are incarcerated due to parole violations. UDC is redirecting some funding toward field operations in order to cut down on parole violations. Mike explained that 85% of parole violations are tied to substance abuse. CIAO (Collaborative Intervention for Abusing Offenders) is being used to identify processes, referral and transition within Corrections. They want to increase supervision by the treatment providers and create solid sanctions for inmate's behavior.

**Agenda Item: Club Drug Summit**

*Club Drug Summit:* Scott Reed reported that the Club Drug Summit is going to be held at the E-Center in West Valley City on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The event will be hosted by USAAV and aimed primarily toward leaders and policymakers throughout Utah. The format will include several plenary sessions followed by breakout sessions in the afternoon. The breakout sessions will focus on developing policies and practices to address the problem. Saturday's session will be hosted by UCCP and directed toward the public: parents, teachers, religious leaders and community members. All USAAV members are invited to attend.

**Agenda Item: Proposed New USAAV Logo Design**

Marvin Dodge explained that several months ago CCJJ hired a marketing firm that revised their logo. The concept was to design a logo that would be universally on any document coming out of CCJJ in an effort to brand what CCJJ does and services that it provides. As an offshoot of that, the same marketing firm was asked to design a USAAV logo. Marv requested feedback on the concepts that were passed out to the Council.

**Agenda Item: Amendments to the USAAV Statute**

Marvin noted that he e-mailed a survey form to the USAAV members requesting their opinions on issues facing the Council with regard to allowing designees. The majority of the responses favored allowing designees. A legislative bill for the USAAV Amendments was drafted by Ron Gordon, CCJJ Staff Attorney. Marvin gave an overview of the changes: the committee structure has been removed from statute. The full intention is that the four committees will continue to exist under the authority of the full USAAV Council; this will be handled through the bylaws. This change will empower the USAAV Council to create committees as needed, allowing flexibility to add or remove members without having to pass legislative amendments. After some discussion, it was determined that the word "expert" in lines 55 - 58 be changed to "a person knowledgeable in..." *Harold Morrill made a motion to accept the concept and formulate the model bylaws to be recommended to the USAAV Council for approval before submitting it to the legislature. Pat Fleming seconded the motion adding a time line of September 25<sup>th</sup> for completion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**Agenda Item: Drug Court Study**

Harold Morrill, Chair of the Treatment Committee, reported that the Drug Court Study is moving forward quickly. There are four primary areas of focus.

- ◆ First, an inventory of drug court programs currently operating in Utah compiled by the Division of Substance Abuse.
- ◆ Second; an analysis of recidivism reduction resulting from a felony drug court. CCJJ has been working with the Salt Lake County Drug Court (since it is the longest established drug court) to pull together data on graduates and a control group for comparison.
- ◆ Third, there will be a "cost/benefit" model to aid in determining the financial benefit/impact drug courts have. This research is being contracted out to a University of Utah Economics professor.
- ◆ Finally, the Division of Substance Abuse made numerous changes to the Drug Court RFP that was issued this spring. They have begun requiring consistent measures from drug courts to aid in the gathering of applicable data.

**Agenda Item: SICA Project**

Verne Larsen, Chair of the Prevention Committee, noted that their committee has been given the charge to work with the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA). Verne noted that the SICA project will received \$2.9 million per year for three years from CSAP (the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention). This is new funding to support community-based prevention efforts that have a positive impact on communities. The Prevention Committee has determined that they will hold a retreat to identify and prioritize outcomes. They would also establish workgroups to achieve outcomes. Verne noted this will be a great opportunity for their committee to move prevention forward in a positive way throughout the state.

**Agenda Item: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant**

Camille Anthony noted that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announced a grant to set up infrastructure for a seamless treatment delivery service system for youth. CCJJ, Youth Corrections, Higher Education and Juvenile Court worked together and submitted a letter of intent. Word was received that this was one of 34 letters of intent, of 280 that were submitted, that are now being asked to submit a proposal. Of those, approximately ten will be selected. Utah has been placed in a rural category. It is a very collaborative approach. The proposal is due on August 24<sup>th</sup>. A University of Utah graduate student is going to write the proposal which is due on August 24<sup>th</sup>. One of the major intents of the program is to change societal attitudes about substance abuse and how kids with substance abuse issues are viewed; particularly those in the criminal and juvenile justice system. There would be \$250,000 available the first year to set up the infrastructure. The following three years it's a million dollars each year to be used for treatment delivery services. CCJJ will know by December if the proposal has been accepted.

**Agenda Item: Meth Lab Clean-up and Forfeiture Legislation**

Marv reported that the Justice Committee met last month. There are two pieces of legislation that the committee has committed to pursuing in the upcoming legislative session. The first is the Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination; one of the issues continues to be funding and the other is the challenge of imposing a surcharge on ephedrine products at the wholesaler level in an effort to generate enough money to cover the cost for this program. Rep. Lamont Tyler will sponsor this bill. The other is forfeiture legislation; seizures are not being performed due to liability issues and other concerns. Initiative B has eliminated law enforcement's ability to seize things. They'll run the model legislation that was drafted in 1995 by a USAAV Workgroup with updates.

**Agenda Item: State Technical Assistance (TA) and Training Request Form**

Pat Fleming explained that the Division of Substance Abuse is submitting a request for onsite technical assistance (TA) or training. The technical assistance request would help answer two questions: 1) What type of linkages between treatment and supervision best protect public safety while maximizing treatment retention? 2) How can we allocate existing resources to better serve the criminal justice population? Pat reviewed the short-term and long-term goals. *Harold Morrill made a motion to write a letter of support for the technical assistance application from the USAAV Council. The motion was seconded by Verne Larsen and was unanimously approved.*

**Agenda Item: Annual Report and Policy Issues**

Leon emphasized the deadline to have the legislative priorities submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> due to the shortened legislative session. The USAAV Executive Committee will meet on August 15<sup>th</sup> to put together the package of legislative priorities to submit.

Pat noted that the Dept. of Human Services, the Dept. of Education and the Division of Substance Abuse will collaborate at the beginning of 2003 to do a school based survey. They will interweave the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the Tobacco Survey and the Youth Prevention Needs Survey tools. The survey will cost approximately \$450,000 and touches on information needed to plan services for Utah children. A phone survey will be attempted as a pilot project.

Lou Callister referred to Senate Bill 304 sponsored by Senator Hatch. On July 11<sup>th</sup> a letter with suggestions on how to improve the bill was sent. Lou spoke with Senator Hatch and his Chief of Staff and they will pass along the information to the current head of the Judiciary Committee.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 from noon - 2:00 p.m. in room 4112 of the State Office Building. Lunch will be provided.**